

Any proposal that stifles competition is not in the best interests of the US economy. The long term benefits of allowing competition far exceeds the short term benefit of increasing the profitability of the large companies involved.

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.